

Alcoholic Beverage Control

CHAIRMAN: A. D. "Zander" Guy, Jr.

COMMISSIONERS: Norman A. Mitchell, Sr. Charlotte

Karen L. Stout Black Mountain

Deputy Commissioner: Terrance L. Merriweather

LOCATION: 400 East Tryon Road Raleigh NC 27610

MAILING: 4307 Mail Service Center Raleigh NC 27699-4307

PHONE: (919) 779-0700 http://abc.nc.gov/

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 11, 2021

NORTH CAROLINA ABC COMMISSION HOLDS REGULAR MEETING

RALEIGH – The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Commission held its regular monthly meeting by conference call on August 11, 2021 and ratified 44 hearing cases that resulted in penalties in excess of \$52,800 and/or imposition of suspensions of permits for three days or more. Fines are due on or before September 3, 2021, and suspensions begin September 10, 2021.

The Commission approved an exemption request pursuant to §18B-1116(b) for Trolley Barn Brewery, LLC and Legion Brewing Company, LLC.

The Commission approved an exemption request pursuant to §18B-1116(b) for Old American Fish, Inc. T/A American Fish Company; Fry "N" Pan, Inc. T/A Frying Pan; and Mark Brisson.

The Commission acknowledged challenges with the spirituous liquor supply chain and the transition to the new contract for warehouse and delivery services. In recognizing the difficulties this presents for the 171 local ABC boards across the state, the Commission voted to reduce bailment (authorized by §18B-203 and which pays for warehouse operations) from \$2.75 to \$1.50, for a 120-day period starting July 1, 2021. The Commission had previously voted in March to increase bailment to \$2.75 per case, effective August 1, 2021.

Additionally, the Commission voted to recommend two contract amendments to the Department of Public Safety's Office of Purchasing and Logistics related to the negotiated contract for warehouse and delivery services. The recommended amendments would reduce the vendor's per-load fee from \$2,350 to \$2,150 through Oct 31, 2021 and would reduce the per-load fee for any authorized load picked up by an ABC board to \$2,000. These recommendations were presented to the Department of Public Safety's Office of Purchasing and Logistics for consideration.

The Commission also confirmed that the regular monthly meetings will continue to be held virtually and by conference call until further notice.

ABOUT THE NC ABC COMMISSION

North Carolina is one of 17 states to regulate alcohol through a control system. Since 1937, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has provided regulation and control over the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in the state of North Carolina. http://abc.nc.gov.

MEDIA CONTACT
Jeff Strickland
919-632-4828
Jeff.Strickland@abc.nc.gov